



FY23 At-a-Glance

CAC is Howard County's designated non-profit anti-poverty organization.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE (FY23)

- Provided **\$2,641,986** in Housing Assistance funds to **470 households** totaling **1,284 individuals** with an average of **2.7 person** per household.
- Prevented **21 households** from immediate eviction.
- Used **11** different governmental and private grants.



FY24 Status as of April 30, 2024

- As a result of limited funding sources, CAC is **servicing 51% fewer households** meeting traditional eligibility requirements (e.g., are not sustainable, make more than 50% AMI, are not behind), as families continue to struggle.
 - FY24 219 unique households vs FY23 426 unique households
- Average **benefit dollars per household is 34% lower** (YTD FY24 compared to April 30 of FY23)
 - FY24 \$2,004 vs FY23 \$5,880
- Housing funds **FY23 \$2,621,815** vs Housing funds **FY24 \$526,301**
 - This illustrates a reduction in funds, not a reduction in need.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE (FY23)

- Provided **\$5,372,771** in Energy Assistance funds to **2,704 households** resulting in assistance to **6,942 individuals** with an average of **2.6 persons** per household.
- Expedited the restoration of disconnected utility services for **144 households**.

FY24 Status as of April 30, 2024

- CAC has **served 697 additional unique households** compared to this time last year.

FOOD ASSISTANCE (FY23)

CAC's Howard County Food Bank operates a client-choice model just like a grocery store. At this Marketplace, CAC:

- Served **2,186 unique households** with **12,853 individual services**.
- Met 823 first time households.
- Distributed 1,044,999 pounds of food.
- Supported 17 partner pantries across the County.



CAC's Community Garden produces 3,000 lbs. of culturally appropriate produce to meet the needs of Marketplace shoppers.

FY24 Status as of April 30, 2024

- The Food Bank has experienced a 23% increase in shopping visits per month when compared to same date range last year.
 - FY24 YTD 1,192 vs FY23 (same date range) 967
- **11% increase** in unique households shopping at the Food Bank compared to last year.
- Food Bank has witnessed a **21% increase in households with children under 18 years of age** (FY23 vs FY24).
 - Within that increase, **50% are these children live in households lead by single parent females**.
 - Single parent female households have **increased by 25%** (FY23 vs FY24).



WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE (FY23)

CAC of Howard County is Maryland's largest nonprofit provider of energy efficiency improvements to low-to-moderate income households.

- Weatherized 464 **units** across Maryland.
 - 116 of these units are in Howard County, reflecting a 9% increase over FY22
 - 39 units served for "Crisis" services (State-funded HVAC or water heater replacements).
 - 19 units were made weatherization ready.

FY24 Status as of April 30, 2024

- Average cost to weatherize per unit: **\$9,019**
- CAC's Weatherization Department was awarded \$2 Million from HUD to protect families from home health and safety hazards.
 - These funds will be used for "weatherization readiness" so these homes can receive full weatherization services.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (FY23)

CAC of Howard County is the County's sole Head Start grantee and only one of three Prekindergarten Expansion grant/Blueprint eligible community providers.

- Provided full-day, full-year early childhood education programming to **384 children ages three-to-five years old** and their families in four locations.



FY24 Status as of April 30, 2024

- Howard County needs Early Head Start. To date, **70 children have been denied enrollment** because they were under the age of three.
- CAC is reopening the Child Learning Center in partnership with Howard Community College.